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Holden and begun at *EDINBURGH*, upon *Thursday* the last Day of *April* 1713, and ending the 11th Day of *May* that same Year.

I.

ACT Appointing the QUEEN's *Commission to his Grace* JOHN *Duke of* ATHOL *to be recorded.*

At *Edinburgh*, last *April* 1713. Sess. 1.

THE General Assembly being Conveened and Constituted, there was produced to them, by his Grace *John* Duke of *Athol*, Her Majesty's Commission, Sealed at *Edinburgh* the 29th Day of *April* current, with the Seal, appointed by the *Treaty of Union* of the two Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*, to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, and of the same Tenor with former Commissions, Constituting him Her Majesty's high Commissioner, and Representative in this Assembly; Which Commission being publickly read, with all due Honour and Respect, it is, by Order of this Assembly, recorded in their Books, *ad futuram Rei Memoriam.*

II.

The QUEEN's moſt Gracious LETTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Preſented to them the laſt Day of *April* 1713.

ANNE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We Greet you well: We have had ſo many Proofs of your good and prudent Management in former Aſſemblies, and particularly the laſt, that We have cheerfully Countenanced by Our Authority, this your Meeting: And We doubt not but you will take it as a particular Mark of Our Regard to you, that we have appointed Our Right Truſty, and Right Entirely Beloved Couſin and Counſellour, *John* Duke of *Athol* to be Our Commiſſioner, who, We perſwade Our Selves will be Acceptable to you. Our Concern for promoting true Piety and Godlineſs, the Great Ends of the Goſpel is ſuch, that you may be fully ſatisfied, it ſhall be Our Care to Imploy ſuch as ſhall be Faithful in Executing the Laws, in Puniſhing all ſuch Practices as are a Scandal to the Chriſtian Profeſſion, and againſt which, We have ſignifyed Our Diſpleaſure in Our Proclamations. We are ſenſible that a pious and learn'd Miniſtry, is under GOD the great Support and Ornament of Chriſtianity, and therefore We are reſolved to Countenance you in your Endeavours to Promote it, and to Imploy Our Power and Authority, for the Advancing of it to your juſt Satisfaction; We take this ſolemn Occaſion to renew the Aſſurances We have formerly given you of Our firm Purpoſe to Maintain the Church of *Scotland* as Eſtabliſhed by Law. The Addreſs of the late *General Aſſembly*, did ſo much manifeſt their Loyalty and good Affection to Our Royal Perſon and Government, and their true Concern for the Succeſſion in the Proteſtant Line of the Houſe of *Hanover*, as eſtabliſhed by Law, that it could not but be very Acceptable

able to Us: And your Moderation and Unanimity amongst your selves, is not more for your own God, than it will be for Our Satisfaction. And We Assure Our Selves that there will be Nothing in your Procedure but what shall be dutiful to Us, and shall manifest the Wisdom of your Conduct: And so We bid you heartily Farewel.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, *the* 15*th Day of* April 1713, *in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign*;

By Her Majesty's Command,

DARTMOUTH.

Directed thus,

To the Right Reverend and Well Beloved, the Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, *called,* SCOTLAND.

III.

The General Assembly's Answer to Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, 2. May 1713.

May it please Your Majesty,

THE Gracious Letter with which Your Majesty hath been pleased to Honour us, doth manifest so great Goodness, and so much Concern for our Happiness under Your Auspicious Government, that we bless GOD, for his having given us such a Sovereign to Reign over us: And we judge it our Duty to offer to Your Majesty, our humble and hearty Thanks, for all the Favour You have been pleased to show to this Church; and more particularly, for the Expressions of Your Majesty's Satisfaction with the Proceedings of the last, as well as of former General Assemblies, which cannot but be a strong Ty upon us, to be careful that there be nothing in our Management that may be Unanswerable to what Your Majesty hath just Reason to Expect from us.

That Your Majesty hath been pleased to make Choice again of so Noble a Person as the Duke of *Athol* to Re-

preſent Your Majeſty in our Aſſembly, after the Evidence of his Fidelity to Your Majeſty, and the Experience we have had of his good Affection towards this Church, is not only moſt Acceptable to us; But is ſuch a very particular and obliging Proof of Your Majeſty's Regard to all our Concerns, as cannot but engage us to pay him all that Reſpect and Duty that we owe to the High Character he bears.

It gives this Church real Comfort, and will be the perpetual Glory of Your Reign and Memory, that Your Majeſty is ſo zealouſly concerned for the promoting of Piety, and that You are graciouſly pleaſed to give us Your Royal Promiſe, that You will take Care that none ſhall be Imployed, but ſuch as ſhall be Faithful in Executing the Laws, in Puniſhing all ſuch Practices as are a Scandal to the Chriſtian Profeſſion, and againſt which, Your Majeſty hath Teſtified Your Diſpleaſure in Your Proclamations.

We do with the greateſt Thankfulneſs acknowledge, that Your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to Signifie to us, Your Gracious Purpoſe to countenance us in our Endeavours, to promote a Pious and Learned Miniſtry (being under GOD, the great Support and Ornament of Chriſtianity) by imploying Your Royal Power and Authority, for the advancing of it to our juſt Satisfaction. This great Favour, together with the renewed Aſſurances Your Majeſty is pleaſed to give us, of Your firm Purpoſe to Maintain the Church of *Scotland* as eſtabliſhed by Law, do oblige us to give all ſuitable Returns of Duty and Gratitude, and Encourage us to hope that Your Majeſty in Your great Wiſdom and Goodneſs will find a fit Opportunity to Remedy what we have formerly, humbly laid before Your Majeſty, for the Eaſe and Quiet of this Church.

It gives us no ſmall Satisfaction, that the Addreſs of the late General Aſſembly, manifeſting their Loyalty and good Affection to Your Royal Perſon and Government, and their true Concern for the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Houſe of *Hanover*, upon which it is Eſtabliſhed by Law, was ſo Acceptable to Your Majeſty; And We crave Leave to Aſſure Your Majeſty, That there are none in Your Dominions more firm in their Reſolutions, ſteadily to continue in both theſe, againſt all Pretenders whatſoever, and their Adherents, than the Miniſters and Members of the Church of *Scotland*, as Eſtabliſhed by Law.

We alſo beg Leave to Teſtifie to Your Majeſty, How much it did Rejoice us, to be Acquainted by Your Commiſſioner from the Throne, with the great Care that Your Majeſty has been pleaſed ſo conſpicuouſly to ſhow for the Proteſtant Religion, and the Continuation of it to

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ſucceeding Generations in Your own Dominions, and that Your Majeſty has further extended the ſame Pious Care to the Proteſtant Churches Abroad, and that GOD has bleſt Your Endeavours for obtaining the Releaſe of thoſe who are in the *French* Galleys for their Religion; and alſo the Conſent of *France*, to Redreſs the Hardſhips to which the Proteſtant Churches in *Germany* were liable.

It is a very convincing Proof of Your Majeſty's Concern for us, That You are Graciouſly pleaſed to Recommend to us, Moderation and Unanimity. We ſhould be wanting to the Duty we owe to GOD, and to ſo Excellent a Queen, if we did not Proceed with all Calmneſs, Temper and Concord amongſt our ſelves, and all Dutiful Reſpect to Your Majeſty.

That the GOD of Heaven may prevent Your Majeſty with the beſt Bleſſings of His Goodneſs, and ever guide Your Majeſty by His Counſel, till after a long and happy Reign upon Earth, He Crown You with Glory in Heaven, is the earneſt Prayer of,

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt Faithful, moſt Dutiful, moſt Obedient and moſt Humble Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders, met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of SCOTLAND.

Signed in our Preſence, in our Name, and at our Appointment, by

WILL. WISHEART Moderator.

IV.

ACT containing Directions to the Viſitors of Synod Books.

Edinburgh, 2. May, 1713.

THE General Aſſembly conſidering, That by the 11. *Act* of the *General Aſſembly* 1712, Intituled, *Act appointing the more frequent Celebration of the Sacrament of the LORD's Supper*; It is Ordained that the Aſſembly ſhall make up a Roll of all Matters appointed to be enquired at Synods, and that every new Recommendation ſo ſoon as it is made, be added to the ſaid Rolls, that thereby the Aſſemblies may know, how their

Acts and Recommendations are obſerved by the ſeveral Synods and Presbyteries of this Church; And finding, that the Matters following have been by former Aſſemblies recommended, and the Obſervation thereof enjoined to Synods and Presbyteries: Therefore, it's appointed that the following Roll or Liſt of the ſaid Matters be put in the Hands of the Reviſers of Synod Books, at each Aſſembly, for their Direction and Aſſiſtance in viſiting the ſaid Books; and the Aſſembly do appoint the ſaid Viſitors in their going through the ſaid Synod Books carefully to advert.

1. If the Advices marked in the former Atteſtations of Synod Books be obſerved.

2. If the Synod Books be compleatly filled up, and ſigned by the Moderator and Clerk, as is enjoined by the 11 *Act* of the *Gen. Aſſembly* 1698, and be produced yearly, according to the 3*d Act* of the *Gen. Aſſembly* 1702.

3. If the Synod's Proceedings be agreeable to the Conſtitutions of this Church, and Acts of the General Aſſembly; and if the Regiſter be correctly written and ſpelled without Contractions; and when there is any Thing written on the Margin which ſhould have been in the Body, if it be ſigned by the Clerk; and where Words are blotted out as ſuperfluous, if it be Marked on the Margin, how many Words or Lines are blotted out, and that it was done by Authority, and if the ſaid Marginal Writing be Signed by the Moderator and Clerk; and alſo *obſerve*, if there be any Blottings or Interlinings in the Regiſter. See *Act* 9. *Gen. Aſſembly* 1706.

4. If Synods do call their Presbyteries to an Account, as to their Care about Miniſters Reading and Expounding a large Portion of Scripture in their Congregations every LORD's Day, according to the 9*th Act* of the *General Aſſembly* 1694. 5*th Act* of *Aſſembly* 1704, and 10*th Act General Aſſembly* 1706. And as to their Preaching Catechetical Doctrine, according to the 18. *Act General Aſſembly* 1695.

5. If Care be taken that the Sacrament of the LORD's Supper be Adminiſtrate in each Pariſh, at leaſt once every Year, and where any Miniſters neglect the ſame, if they be called to an Account, and if their Excuſes be either approven or diſapproven, as is enjoined by the 11 *Act General Aſſembly* 1712.

6. If Synods enquire concerning Presbyteries holding Parochial Viſitations, and Miniſters viſiting of Families, according to *Act* 16. *General Aſſembly* 1706. The buying and reading of the Acts and Overtures of the General Aſſembly,

Assembly, according to the *16th Act General Assembly* 1700. and *18th Act, General Assembly* 1705. and concerning their Diligence in observing the *Acts* against *Profanity*, particularly the *7th Act, General Assembly* 1699. and enquire after Mortifications for pious Uses, as enjoined by the *22d Act, General Assembly* 1700.

7. If Synods call their Presbyteries to an Account, as to the Pains they take, to get a School settled in every Parish, and provided with a sufficient Master, and Maintenance according to Law; and take Care that the School be visited conform to the *5th Act, General Assembly* 1705. and *5th Act, General Assembly* 1707: And if Presbyteries contribute for Bursars having *Irish*, according to the *13th Act, General Assembly* 1706. And if the Synod's Advice be taken anent Licensing Probationers, according to the *10th Act, Assembly* 1711.

8. If Synods enquire at Presbyteries, concerning the Encrease and Decrease of Popery, and other Errors, and the Pains taken to reclaim erroneous Persons. See *Act 8th General Assembly* 1707, &c.

9. If Synods take Care to have the Acts of the General Assembly, particularly the *5th Act* of the late Assembly, *Concerning a Contribution for promoting Christian Knowledge*, observed; and if the Account of their Diligence in these Matters be Recorded, conform to the *11th Act, General Assembly* 1710, &c.

10. If Presbytery Books be punctually produced, revised and attested, and if Presbyteries undergo their privy Censures every Synod, and if there be a Roll made up of Matters recommended by the General Assembly to Synods, and if the said Roll be recorded, and a Copy thereof given to the Visitors, according to the *18th Act, General Assembly* 1712.

11. That the Visitors of Synod Books, communicate all their Remarks on these Books to some of the Synod, and hear them thereupon, before they bring in the same to the General Assembly, as has been frequently enjoined by former Assemblies.

V.

ACT and Recommendation for furthering Contributions and Subscriptions towards promoting of Christian Knowledge.

Edinburgh, 5th *May* 1713.

THE General Assembly having heard and considered, a Representation and Petition, given in to them

by the Committee of the Society in *Scotland, for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge*, with the Opinion of the Committee for Bills thereupon, and heard ſeveral Members of the ſaid Society, who are alſo Members of this Aſſembly, give an Account of the State of their Matters, and Succeſs of their Work; They found that the Care and Diligence of the Society and their Committee, is very commendable, and they earneſtly recommend to all Miniſters and Elders, and charitably inclined Perſons in their ſeveral Stations, chearfully to concur in this ſo good a Work; and they did, and hereby do again renew the Recommendations of the laſt and preceeding General Aſſemblies, to the ſeveral Synods and Presbyteries of this Church, and particular Miniſters, intreating them careſully to obſerve the Methods preſcribed by theſe Acts for furthering Subſcriptions and Contributions in the ſeveral Pariſhes, and to Tranſmit them to the Society: And alſo the Aſſembly do require and appoint the ſeveral Presbyteries to call for an Account of the Diligence of the Miniſters, and Seſſions within their Bounds in the ſaid Matter at their privy Cenſures and parochial Viſitations, and record their Reports in their Presbytery Books; and Ordains Synods at their privy Cenſures to take a particular Account of the Diligence of their Presbyteries, and record the Reports of Presbyteries in their Books; and Synods and Presbyteries to ſend a full and diſtinct Report of their Diligence in this Matter ſubſcribed by the Moderator and Clerk, in Manner preſcribed by former Acts, to the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, at their Meeting in *November* next: And the Aſſembly appoints and inſtructs their Commiſſion to call for the foreſaid Accounts, and ſee to the due Obſervation of this and former Recommendations made for the furthering of this pious and charitable Work; and that they lay before the next General Aſſembly, an Account of ſuch Synods and Presbyteries as ſhall neglect to ſend in to them the Reports of their Diligence in this Matter.

VI.

ACT for maintaining the Unity and Peace of this CHURCH.

At *Edinburgh*, 8th *May* 1713.

THE General Aſſembly taking to their Conſideration, That by the 16th Act of the late Aſſembly, Intituled, *Act concerning the Oath of Abjuration*, mutual Forbearance, Love and Charity, notwithſtanding of different

different Sentiments and Practices, with respect to the said Oath, was seriously recommended to all Ministers and Members of this Church; and being informed that the said Recommendation hath not been duly observed by some Ministers and People, and that there are Appearances of Division in divers Parts upon Occasion of the said different Sentiments and Practices. And the Assembly being unanimously agreed that these Differences are no Ground of Separation from the Judicatories presently established, and Ordinances of Christ as they are now dispensed in this Church, seing the Ministers on both Hands do own their firm Adherence (notwithstanding the said Differences) to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church, and to their Duty and Loyalty to the Queen, and good Affection to the Protestant Succession in the Illustrious House of *Hanover*. And further, the General Assembly being deeply touched with the Sense of Danger there is to this Church, under her present Circumstances, by Divisions, which tend to weaken our Interest, and to expose us to our Enemies; And it being incumbent to the supreme Judicatory of this Church, to take Care of her Safety, and apply proper Remedies to the Disorders that happen, and not knowing to what Height these Evils may grow, unless withstood in the Beginning, Do therefore not only renew the foresaid Recommendation, but most seriously obtest all Ministers and People in the Bowels of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, charging them as they regard His Honour, and the Peace and Quiet of this Church, that they abstain from all divisive Courses, upon Occasion of different Sentiments and Practices about the said Oath; and that they would notwithstanding thereof, live in Love and Christian Communion together; that Ministers study to strengthen one another's Hands by a Conscientious and close Attendance upon the several Judicatories of this Church, that they use all prudent and gaining Methods, as they have Access, to keep the People in due Subjection, and Love to their own Pastors; That they do not encourage their withdrawing from them: And that all judge Charitably one of another, as having acted according to the Light of their Conscience in this Matter; And therefore that they carefully abstain from reproaching one another on Account of the said different Sentiments and Practices. And the General Assembly doth seriously exhort all the Ministers and Members of this Church, as they would not marr and obstruct the Success of the Gospel, the serious Exercise of practical Godliness, and the comely Order of the House of GOD, That they endeavour by the Observation of the foresaid Injunctions, *to maintain the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.*

VII.

ACT and Recommendation for teaching the Common Tunes.

Edinburgh, 8. *May* 1713. Seſſ. 7.

THE General Aſſembly, for the more decent Performance of the publick Praiſes of GOD, do Recommend to Presbyteries, to uſe Endeavours to have ſuch Schoolmaſters choſen as are capable to teach the Common Tunes; and that Presbyteries take Care, that Children be taught to ſing the ſaid Common Tunes; and that the ſaid Schoolmaſters not only Pray with their Scholars, but alſo ſing a Part of a Pſalm with them, at leaſt once every Day.

VIII.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders, for diſcuſſing divers Affairs referred to them.

At *Edinburgh*, 9th *May* 1713. Seſſ. 8.

THE General Aſſembly taking to their Conſideration, That there are divers weighty Affairs which they cannot overtake; Do therefore nominate and appoint their Reverend Brethren, Maſters *William Wiſheart* one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh* their Moderator, *Patrick Simſon* at *Renfrew*, *Hugh Campbell* at *Muirkirk*, *Thomas Verner* at *Balmaclellan*, *William Vetch* at *Drumfries*, *Alexander Glaſs* at *Kinclaven*, *James Gray* at *Kinloch*, *Archibald Campbell* at *Weem*, *William Moncrieff* at *Methven*, *Peter Pilmore* at *Forgondenny*, *John Fleeming* at *Perth*, *James Mercer* at *Forteviot*, *John Drummond* at *Crieff*, *John Steidman* at *Auchterarder*, *Alexander Barton* at *Foſſoway*, *John Logan* at St. *Ninians*, *Robert M'caulay* at *Stirling*, *Michael Potter* at *Kippen*, *John Macallum* at *Callendar*, *Samuel Charters* at *Innerkeithing*, *Robert M'gill* at *Kinroſs*, *James Cuthbert* at *Culroſs*, *Robert Panton* at *Kinghorn*, *James Dickſon* at *Markinch*, *Henry Dall* at *Kirkcaldy*, *Robert Laing* at *Newburgh*, *William Thomſon* at *Fliſk*, *James Henry* at *Criech*, *William Dick* at *Cowpar*, *James Haddow* Principal of the New College of St. *Andrews*, *William Moncrieff* at *Largo*, *Patrick Cowpar* at *Pittenweem*, *James Robertſon* at *Leuchars*, *Joſeph Drew* Principal of the *Leonardin* College of St. *Andrews*, *James Ramſay* at *Bendochie*, *William Lyon* at *Airly*, *Adam Davidſon* at *Eſſie*, *Samuel*

muel Johnston at Dundee, James Hodge at Longforgan, Robert Young at Innerarity, Patrick Johnston at Auchterhouse, Charles Charters at Abereliot, James Scott at Carnmylly, William Arrot at Montrose, George Wemyss at Ferne, James Ker at Dun, David Ramsay at Fettercairn, David Burn at Fettereſſo, David Archer at Laurence Kirk, James Robertson at Glenmuick, Alexander Toſh at Tarland, Thomas Blackwell Profeſſor of Divinity at Aberdeen, David Anderſon Profeſſor of Divinity there, Alexander Mitchel at Belhelvie, Patrick Coupland at Touch, George Moir at Towie, Alexander Shand at Inch, James Gordon at Bourtie, Alexander Auchinleck at Frazersburgh, Thomas Udnie at Strichen, Alexander Gordon at Foveran, William Forbes at Tarvas, Peter Darling at Boyndie, Alexander Roſs at Auchterleſs, John Gilchriſt at Keith, Hugh Innes at Mortlith, James Bannerman at Inveraven, Robert Steven at Aberlour, Daniel Mackenzie at Kingooſſie, James Chapman at Cromdale, James Thomſon at Elgin, Joſeph Sanderſon at Alves, Charles Primroſe at Forreſs, John Crocket at Dallas, Robert Baillie at Inverneſs, Alexander Frazer at Croy, Alexander Mackbane at Aach, George Gordon at Cromarty, Daniel Macgilligen at Killimure weſter, Hugh Duff at Ferne, Walter Denoon at Golſpie, William Innes at Thurſo, George Oſwald at Dunnet, Thomas Baikie at Kirkwall, James Sands at Birſay, Alexander Nisbet at Shappinſhay, James Grierſon at Tingwall, John Chalmers at Campvere, William Carſtares Principal of the College of Edinburgh, William Hamilton Profeſſor of Divinity there, James Hart, William Mitchel, William Miller, John Mathieſon four of the Miniſters of Edinburgh, James Smith at Cramond, Alexander Dalgliſh at Linlithgow, William Burnet at Falkirk, John Kinnaird at Eaſt Calder, John Baillie at Eccleſmachan, Robert Livingſton at Biggar, David Blenſhill at Lamingtoun, Andrew Mitchell at Manor, John Wallace at Drummelzier, Daniel Gilchriſt at Linton, Patrick Cuming at Ormiſtoun, John Wilſon at Glencorſe, James Paton at Caringtoun, Matthew Reid at Northberwick, John Currie at Haddingtoun, James Alſton at Dirletoun, George Turnbull at Tyninghame, James Bannatyne at Whytinghame, Gilbert Lawry at Hiltoun, Alexander Lawder at Mordingtoun, George Home at Chirnſide, John Dawſon at Langtoun, Lawrence Johnſton at Duns, James Ramſay at Kelſo, William Baxter at Ednam, James Douglaſs at Stow, John Gowdie at Earlſtoun, Alexander Colden at Oxnam, Robert Bell at Cavers, Robert Cuninghame at Hawick, Robert Lithgow at Askirk, Adam Mill at Melroſs, James Currie at Hodholm, David Graham at Longholm, Francis Lindſay at Johnſtoun, William Aikman at Ruthwell, David Wightman at Applegirth, John Pollock at Glencairn, Thomas Tod at Deriſdeer, John Sommervel at Carlaverock, John Henderſon at

Kirmaho, *John M'murdo* at *Torthorald*, *Andrew Cameron* at *Kirkcudbright*, *William Boyd* at *Dalry*, *James Monteith* at *Borgue*, *Robert Rowan* at *Penninghame*, *Thomas Ker* at *Wigtoun*, *William Wilſon* at *Inch*, *John Godfrey* at *Leſwall*, *Andrew Roger* at *Galſtoun*, *Henry Osburn* at *Torboltoun*, *William Lindſay* at *Dundonald*, *John M'dermitt* at *Dalmellingtoun*, *George Campbell* at *Stair*, *George Chalmers* at *Kilwinning*, *William Wright* at *Kilmarnock*, *Hugh Fawſide* at *Newmills*, *John Paiſley* at *Lochinnoch*, *Robert Woodrow* at *Eaſtwood*, *Robert Johnſton* at *Kilbarchan*, *Robert Wyllie* at *Hamiltoun*, *Alexander Finlater* there, *Francis Borland* at *Glaſsford*, *Thomas Linnen* at *Leſmahago*, *James Hepburn* at *Crawfoord*, *John Orr* at *Lanerk*, *John Stirling* Principal of the College of *Glaſgow*, *John Simſon* Profeſſor of Divinity there, *John Gray* at *Glaſgow*, *John Hamilton* there, *John Anderſon* at *Dumbartoun*, *Neill Campbell* at *Roſeneath*, *Robert M'farlane* at *Buchanan*, *Daniel M'Laurine* at *Kilfinnan*, *Robert Glen* at *Kingarth*, *Alexander Campbell* at *Inverary*, *Dugald Bannatyne* at *James Boes* at *Campbeltoun*, *Colin Campbell* at *James Stevenſon* at *Ardnamurchan*, *Daniel M'Aulay* at *Snizort*, Miniſters; *John* Duke of *Athol*, *William* Marqueſs of *Lothian*, *John* Earl of *Rothes*, *David* Earl of *Buchan*, *James* Earl of *Findlater*, *William* Earl of *Kilmarnock*, *John* Earl of *Ruglen*, *Patrick* Earl of *Marchmont*, *James* Earl of *Hyndford*, *David* Earl of *Glaſgow*, *Charles* Lord *Teſter*, *William* Lord *Strathnaver*, *William* Lord *Forbes*, *William* Lord *Roſs*, *Robert* Lord *Burleigh*, *George* Lord *Reay*, Lord *Charles Kerr*, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of *Northberwick* Lord Preſident of the Seſſion, Sir *John Maxwell* of *Netherpollock*, *Adam Cokeburn* of *Ormiſtoun*, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of *Minto*, Sir *Alexander Ogilvie* of *Forglen*, Mr. *John Murray* of *Bowhill*, Mr. *James Hamilton* of *Pancaitland* ſix of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Mr. *John Clark* of *Pennycook* one of the Barons of Her Majeſty's Exchequer, Mr. *John Campbell* of *Mamore*, Mr. *Francis Montgomery* of *Giffan*, Sir *David Dalrymple* of *Hailes*, Mr. *Arthur Forbes* of *Breda*, Colonel *John Erskine* of *Carnock*, Colonel *John Erskine* Governour of *Stirling* Caſtle, *Lawrence Craigie* of *Kilgraſtoun*, Sir *James Campbell* of *Aberuchil*, Mr. *Alexander Abercrombie* of *Tillibody*, Sir *James Holburn* of *Menſtry*, Mr. *Robert Whyte* of *Bennochie*, Mr. *Robert Wemyſs* of *Grangemure*, *John Scrimzeour* of *Tealling*, *David Maxwell* Baillie in *Dundee*, *John Allardes* Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, *John Roſs* of *Arnage*, Captain *John Forbes* of *Boyndly*, Colonel *Alexander Grant* of that Ilk, Mr. *James Brodie* of *Whitehill*, *Robert Monro* of *Foulis*, Sir *William Gordon* of *Dalfolly*, Sir *Andrew Kennedy* of *Cloburn*, Sir *James Stewart* of *Goodtrees* Her Majeſty's Sollicitor, Sir *Robert Blackwood* of *Pitrevie* Lord Provoſt of *Edinburgh*, *William Hutcheſon* preſent Dean of Guild there, *George Warrander*,

Warrander of *Lochend*, *John Duncan* late Dean of Guild there, Mr. *John Mitchel* of *Alderstoun*, *Andrew Dunbar* of *Lewhold*, *Walter Stewart* of *Pardivan*, *William Baillie* of *Lamingtoun*, *John Frier* Provost of *Peebles*, Sir *John Clark* of *Pennycook*, Sir *Robert Sinclair* of *Stevenson*, Sir *Robert Dalrymple* of *Castletoun*, *Charles Brown* of *Colstoun*, Sir *William Baird* of *Newbyth*, Sir *John Swinton* of that Ilk, Sir *John Pringle* of *Stitchell*, *George Baillie* of *Jerviswood*, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of *Stobbs*, *Archibald Douglass* of *Cavers*, *Robert Rutherfoord* of *Fearnilie*, *James Scot* of *Beltenmont*, Sir *Thomas Kirkpatrick* of *Closeburn*, *Robert Corsbie* Provost of *Drumfries*, Colonel *William Maxwill* of *Cardoness*, *John Martine* of *Airies*, Sir *Charles Hay* of *Park*, Mr. *James Bosuell* of *Auchinleck*, *John Cuninghame* of *Enterkin*, Sir *Robert Pollock* of that Ilk, Sir *David Stewart* of *Cultness*, *James Hamilton* of *Aikenhead*, younger, *Rober Roger* Provost of *Glasgow*, Sir *James Smollet* of *Bonhill*, *John Cuninghame* of *Ballindalloch*, Sir *James Campbell* of *Ardkinlass*, Sir *James Campbell* of *Auchinbreck*, Doctor *William Stewart* of *Ambrismore*, *John Campbell* of *Knockbreoch*, Sir *Walter Pringle*, Mr. *William Brodie*, Mr. *James Gelly*, Mr. *Walter Stewart*, Mr. *Gilbert Burnet*, Mr. *William Forbes* Advocates, Mr. *James Baillie* Writer to the Signet, Doctor *David Mitchell*, Doctor *Alexander Dundas*, Doctor *James Forrest*, and Doctor *John Riddel*, Doctors of Medicine in *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* Chirurgion late Deacon Conveener in *Edinburgh*, and *John Knox* Chirurgion there, Ruling Elders; To be Commissioners of the General Assembly, to the Effect after-mentioned, with Power to the said Persons, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty One of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty One are always to be Ministers, to meet and conveen within the Assembly House at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Fore-noon, and afterward the second *Wednesdays* of *August*, *November* and *March*, and oftner, when or where they shall think needful and convenient, with Power to the said Commissioners to choose their own Moderator: And sicklike, the General Assembly fully Impowers and Authorizes their said Commission, or their *Quorum* above-mentioned, to Cognosce and finally Determine as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this General Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions to be given them by this Assembly, and to Advert to the Interests of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice, which they can prevent as they will be answerable, providing

this general Clauſe be not extended to particular Affairs or Proceſſes before Presbyteries or Synods, that are not of univerſal Concern to, or Influence upon this whole Church. And it is Declared and Appointed, That what ſhall be determined at one Diet of the ſaid Commiſſion, with Relation to private Cauſes, ſhall be Unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and ſhall ſtand and continue in Force till Diſapproven by the General Aſſembly; And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly Prohibited and Diſcharged, to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed or referred to them as above-mentioned; And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitutions of this Church, and do Nothing contrair thereto, or to the Prejudice of the ſame: Declaring, That in and for all their Actings, they ſhall be Accountable to, and Cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe: And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure until another Commiſſion be appointed, and Members are required to attend the Diets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the Seventeenth Act of the General Aſſembly 1706; And for the better ſecuring of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and other Presbyteries within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for Meetings of the Commiſſion, and ſuch of the Members of theſe Presbyteries as are on the Commiſſion, are required all of them, to give punctual Attendance on the Diets thereof, and Presbyteries at a greater Diſtance, who have four or moe Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care, that at leaſt two of them attend, each Diet of the Commiſſion.

IX.

Inſtructions by the General Aſſembly to their Commiſſion.

Edinburgh, 9. *May* 1713. Seſſ. 8.

1. THE Commiſſion are Appointed and Impowered to take Care, that what is Enacted and Ordered by this Aſſembly, be duly obſerved by all concerned.

2. The Commiſſion, as often as they ſee Cauſe, are Impowered to apply to Her Majeſty, or any Inferiour Magiſtrate, for their Countenancing of, and Concurring with the Judicatories of the Church, in what the Law allows, and

and for putting in Execution the Laws against Popery and Profaneness, and seeking Redress of Grievances, Abuses and Disorders, committed contrary to the established Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Presbyterian Government of this Church, the Contempt of the Censures of the Judicatories thereof, inflicted on scandalous Persons, and to assist Presbyteries and Synods in planting vacant Kirks, as they shall be applyed to by them, for that Effect.

3. The Commission are appointed to use all proper Means to preserve and maintain all the Rights and Privileges of this Church, and to obtain a Redress of what is grievous with Respect to the same, and to send Commissioners to *London* for that Effect, if they see Cause, and to lose no Opportunity of applying for Redress of the Church's Grievances.

4. When any of the Ministers who served under the late Prelacy, whose Lives and Doctrines may render them Useful to this Church, shall apply for Reception into Ministerial Communion, and a Share of the Government of this Church, the General Assembly do hereby Impower and Recommend to their Commission, to receive them, according to the Thirteenth Paragraph of the Sixteenth Act of the General Assembly One thousand six hundred and ninety seven: And the foresaid Commission are to be careful to get due Information from the Presbyteries where the Persons applying did, or do officiate, and for the Time reside.

5. The Commission are Instructed to use all Diligence in getting Payment of the Money gifted by Her Majesty for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, and to see that the Rules and Orders laid down in the Seventh Act of the last Assembly, Intituled, *Act directing the right Application of the Money granted by Her Majesty for defraying the publick Charges of this Church*, or established by the Acts of this, or former Assemblies, for the right Application of the publick Money, consistent with the said Act Seventh, be punctually observed.

6. The Commission are Impowered to Cognosce, and finally Determine in all References already made, or to be made by this Assembly, and in all References and Appeals for transporting Ministers to the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Islands*, which shall be brought before them, according to the Overtures made thereanent, *Anno* One thousand six hundred ninety nine; And Transportations to any Parish in these Places, whether Privileged by former Acts of Assembly or not, are to be carried on in the most expedite Way, providing that the Commission do not meddle with Sentences of Synods, excepting Causes particularly

ticularly referred to them; But this Reſtriction is not to be extended to Miniſters having the *Iriſh* Language.

7. The ſaid Commiſſion are Impowered to appoint Faſts and Thankſgivings as they ſhall ſee Occaſion, and ſpecify the Cauſes thereof, and apply to Her Majeſty for the civil Sanction thereto.

8. The Commiſſion are Impowered to give all due Aſſiſtance to any Propoſals that may be made to them, about Endeavours for Reformation of Manners, and for the more effectual Curbing and ſuppreſſing of Profaneneſs and Vice.

9. The Commiſſion are Impowered to give all due Aſſiſtance to any Synod or Presbytery in difficult Caſes, as they ſhall be applied unto by them for that Effect.

10. The Commiſſion are appointed to take ſpecial Care, to keep and maintain Unity in the Church upon all Emergents, eſpecially among the Miniſters thereof, and to gain ſuch as do ſeparate therefrom, and to ſuppreſs Error and Schiſm in this Church, and proſecute the Authors and Spreaders of Books and Pamphlets tending thereto, as is by a former Act recommended to Preſbyteries; and to take Notice how any who have been Cenſured by preceeding Aſſemblies or Commiſſions of the ſame, have carried, and to proceed to further Cenſure as the Commiſſion ſhall ſee Cauſe: And further, this General Aſſembly does hereby renew the firſt Paragraph of the Eighteenth Act of the General Aſſembly held, *Anno* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix, concerning Schiſm and Diſorders, and appoints the ſame to ſtand as an Inſtruction to this Commiſſion, and Impowers them to ſend Committees to any Part of this Church for that Effect, as they ſhall find Cauſe.

11. The ſaid Commiſſion are to take Notice of what Miſrepreſentations ſhall be made, either at Home or Abroad, of the Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline or Conſtitution of this Church, and to take all decent and proper Methods for the Vindication thereof.

12. The ſaid Commiſſion are to endeavour to make effectual whatever hath been by this, or preceeding Aſſemblies agreed upon, concerning the erecting of Schools in the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and what elſe may tend to the Advancement of Religion and Reformation in theſe Places, and to keep a Correſpondence with the Society for Propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, and their Committee, and to give them all ſuitable Aſſiſtance and Encouragement, according to the Acts of the General Aſſembly in the Years One thouſand ſeven hundred and ten, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eleven, and One thouſand

seven hundred and twelve thereanent, which are hereby renewed, and Acts of this Assembly.

13. The said Commission are Appointed and Impowered to use their Endeavours for getting a legal School erected in every Parish according to Law, for putting in Execution the Fifth Act of the General Assembly held *Anno* One thousand seven hundred and seven, Intituled, *Act anent a School in every Parish*; and also to hold Hand to the Execution of the Eighth Act of that same Assembly, Intituled, *Act for Suppressing of Popery, and Preventing the Growth thereof.* And likewise the Fifteenth Act of that Assembly, Intituled, *Act against Innovations in the Worship of GOD.*

14. The Commission are appointed to have a special Respect, so far as the present Circumstances do require, to the Ninth Act of the General Assembly held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and three, *Concerning the Planting vacant Churches in the* North, *the* Highlands *and* Islands, *and supplying thereof with Ministers and Probationers*: And the Commission are hereby Impowered to proceed according to the said Act, in so far as they shall find it needful, particularly as to the Bounds of *Ross* and *Sutherland*, and to consider if any Method can be fallen upon to Support Probationers having the *Irish* Language, now when the Twenty Merks formerly allowed them by Law, is taken away.

15. The said Commission are Impowered to receive any Representations or References that shall be made to them by Presbyteries and others concerned, about large and spacious Parishes, and use all Means proper for them for obtaining, and also rendering effectual, and preserving new Erections in such Parishes, or Stipends to Collegiate Ministers thereto.

16. The said Commission are Impowered and Appointed to prosecute the Instructions given by the General Assembly held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six, to their Commission, in so far as what is therein appointed, is not already done, and particularly to use all Means in their Power for extirpating idolatrous and superstitious Practices, and to enquire how former Orders about the same, and concerning the *Irish* Bibles, Psalm Books and Catechisms, and Libraries have been observed, and to dispose upon such of these Bibles as yet remain, or any Libraries that may come to Hand.

17. The said Commission are Impowered to give all due Assistance to the several Universities and Colleges, when any Minister is called to any Office therein, and to receive Appeals and References, and finally to Determine in the same.

X.

ADVICE concerning Recommendations in Favours of Students to be entred on Trials.

Edinburgh, 11th. *May* 1713. Seſſ. 10.

THE General Aſſembly having heard and conſidered a Reference from the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, for Explication of the Tenth Act of the General Aſſembly *Anno* One thouſand ſeven hundred and eleven, Intituled, *Act concerning Probationers, and ſettling Miniſters, with Queſtions to be propoſed to, and Engagements to be taken of them*, did, and hereby do declare, That they judge it fit, that before the ſaid Presbytery grant a Recommendation, or Deſire to another Presbytery for Entring any Student of Divinity on Trials, they take the uſual private Trial appointed by the ſaid Act to be taken of ſuch Students, as if they were to paſs before themſelves, and that all other Presbyteries take the ſame Courſe in the like Caſes.

XI.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Aſſembly.

Edinburgh, 11. *May* 1713. Seſſ. *Ult.*

THE next General Aſſembly of this Church, is appointed to be held at *Edinburgh* the Firſt *Thurſday* of *May* next, One thouſand ſeven hundred and fourteen Years, being the Sixth Day of that Month.

This Aſſembly was concluded with Prayer, Singing the 133 *Pſalm, and pronouncing of the Bleſſing.*

Collected and Extracted from the Regiſters of the General Aſſembly, by

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The General Aſſembly humbly deſires of the Queen's Commiſſioner, That he would Tranſmit to Her Majeſty their Anſwer to Her Letter, and his Grace undertakes the ſame. *Ibid.*

Act ſiſting the Ordination of Mr. *Thomas Menzies* to be Miniſter of *Dull*, and referring a Proceſs concerning the ſame to the Commiſſion, and appointing Letters to be written thereanent, to Perſons concerned, *5th May* 1713. Seſſ. 4.

A Diet appointed for hearing a Cauſe concerning the Tranſportation of Mr. *James Walker* Miniſter, from *Ferryportcraigs* to *Cannongate*. *Ibid.*

A Repreſentation and Petition of the Committee of the Society in *Scotland* for promoting Chriſtian Knowledge, giving an Account of their Management and Succeſs, and craving former Recommendations of the General Aſſembly to be renewed, was read, and the Deſire thereof granted. *Ibid.*

Remit to the Committee for the Commiſſion Book of a Petition for the Presbyteries in the Synod of *Roſs*, anent ſome Money they had laid out in the Service of the Church in that Country. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to Synods and Presbyteries, to call for the Acts of Aſſembly lying on the Hand of the Repreſentatives of *George Moſman*, with a Reference in their Favours to the Commiſſion, as to the Payment of bygone Accompts. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Committee for Overtures of Mr. *Thomas Baikie*'s Petition, craving Reimburſement of his Charges in a late Proceſs againſt him. Report of the Committee of Bills thereupon, and concerning Mr. *John Keith*, Mr. *James Sands*, and Mr. *George Oſwald* their Charges alſo, and a Collection recommended for theſe Ends. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions to Members of this Aſſembly brought in. *Ibid.*

Upon Report of the Committee for reviſing the Commiſ-

ſion Book, the ſaid Book was atteſted, according to the 8th Act of the General Aſſembly 1706, and the Members of the Commiſſion were commended, for their Faithfulneſs and Diligence. 6. *May* 1713. Seſſ. 5.

Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *John Dundas* Procurator for the Church, for one full Year of the Queen's Grant to this Church, being the laſt Quarter of the Year 1712, and the three firſt Quarters of the Year 1713, and alſo for 300 *Merks* of the Sum of 400 *Merks* lodged in his Hand of the Quarter *Centeſima* of Stipends collected for defraying a Miſſion againſt Popery, and Diſcharging him and his Cautioner, and appointing the Ballance of 3 ℔. 15 ſh. 6 d. $\frac{5}{6}$ d. *Sterling* due to him, to be ſtated as the firſt Article of his next Accompts. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of *Nicol Spence* conjunct Agent for the Church, from the firſt Day of *May* 1712, to the firſt Day of *May* 1713, and appointing the Ballance of 25 ℔. 16 ſh. *Sterling* due to him, to be paid to him, according to the Acts of Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee concerning the Publick Money, and an Act Diſcharging any more Precepts to be drawn upon that Fund, except for the Remains of the Charges of the Commiſſioners laſt Year at *London*, and the uſual Allowances to Probationers having the *Iriſh* Language that ſhall be ſent to *Highland* Congregations, betwixt and next Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee concerning the Petition of the Commiſſioners from the Presbyteries in the Synod of *Roſs*, with a Remit of the Affair to another Committee. *Ibid.*

Act allowing the Catechiſt or Probationer imployed in the Bounds of *Glenlivet* and *Inneraven*, for Aſſiſting the Miniſter there, 200 *Merks* yearly during the Aſſembly's Pleaſure, out of the Quarter *Centeſima* of Stipends recommended by the General Aſſembly 1707, and ordaining that Letters be ſent to Deficients in that, and alſo in the other Quarter *Centeſima Anno* 1710, for defraying the Procurator's Charges at *London*, yet to pay in the ſame, with a Reference to the Commiſſion concerning the ſame. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Lord *Strathnaver*, craving that Probationers may be ſent to ſupply vacant Kirks in *Sutherland*, remitted to the Committee for the *North* and *Highlands*. *Ibid.*

The Members of this Aſſembly, ordered to meet by their ſeveral Synods, and name Perſons to be on a Committee for naming the Members of a Commiſſion to be appointed

appointed by this Aſſembly, and for preparing Draughts of their Commiſſion and Inſtructions. *Ibid.*

Intimation made at the Deſire of the Committee of the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, of a Meeting they had appointed, that any who pleaſed might ſee their Books, in Order to be ſatisfied as to their Management. *Ibid.*

Some Miniſters named to Preach next LORD's Day before Her Majeſty's Commiſſioner, *&c.* *Ibid.*

Mr. *James Walker* Miniſter, tranſported from *Ferryparton-craigs* to *Cannongate*. *7th May* 1713. Seſſ. 6.

Reference to the Commiſſion for the ſpeedy Planting of *Ferryparton-craigs*. *Ibid.*

A Liſt of Perſons in the ſeveral Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee for drawing the Commiſſion to be given by this Aſſembly, naming the Perſons to be thereon, and preparing their Inſtructions. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of the Appeal, Proceſs, and whole Affair concerning Mr. *William Dugud* Probationer, and his Proteſtation againſt the Aſſembly. *8th May* 1713. Seſſ. 7.

The Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions to Members of this Aſſembly, referred to the Committee for Overtures. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion concerning the Planting of the Kirk of *Gallaſheilds*. *Ibid.*

Act in Favours of Mr. *Thomas Baikie* and others, with a Reference to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion for the ſpeedy Planting the Vacancies in the Churches of *Edinburgh*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion for Planting *Tulliallan* Kirk. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *Alexander Fraſer* Probationer, for Money to carry his Charges North, referred to a Committee. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Miniſter of St. *Ninians* and the Commiſſioners from the Presbytery of *Stirling*, for ſome Aſſiſtance in defending the new Erection of the Pariſh of *Sauchinford*, remitted to a Committee. *Ibid.*

A Petition for Mr. *John Currie* and the Commiſſioners from the Presbytery of *Haddingtoun*, concerning a Deſign to reduce the Stipend of that Pariſh, and craving Aſſiſtance for the Defence thereof, remitted to a Committee. *Ibid.*

The Petitions for *Benjamin Allan* and *James Spente*, craving Payment of the Debts due by the Church to them, referred to the Commiſſion. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Pariſh of *Morholm*, craving that Mr. *Robert*

Robert Kirk Probationer might not be ſent North, but allowed to ſettle among them, referred to a Committee. *Ibid.*

Reference to a Committee, to conſider of a Report concerning *Lochaber* and *Lorn*. *Ibid.*

Act declaring Mr. *William Dugud*'s Licence void and null, becauſe of his inſolent Behaviour before the General Aſſembly. *9th May* 1713. Seſſ. 8.

A Committee named for drawing a Memorial concerning Mr. *William Dugud* to be laid before the Queen. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of the Petition concerning the Stipend of *Haddingtoun*, with a Recommendation to think upon a Fond for anſwering the ſaid Petition. *Ibid.*

Inſtruction to the Commiſſion, to do what they can to Support and Encourage Mr. *Alexander M'bain* Miniſter at *Aach*. *Ibid.*

Report of theſe from each Synod named to meet, with the Committee of the Society for promoting Chriſtian Knowledge, mentioning that they had ſeen their Books, and diſcourſed concerning the Society's Management, and declaring their great Satisfaction therewith, and repreſenting, that if a ſhort Narrative of the Society's Progreſs were drawn and intimate in the Churches, it might be of great Advantage to that Deſign. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of the Petition concerning the new Erection at *Sauchinford*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Perth* and *Stirling*, and *Fife*, Examined and Atteſted. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion, to conſider how a Fond may be had for Printing the *Confeſſion of Faith* and larger *Catechiſm* in the *Iriſh* Language, and to give the neceſſary Orders thereanent. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Angus* and *Merns*, *Aberdeen*, *Roſs* and *Sutherland*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdale*, *Galloway*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, Examined and Atteſted. Seſſ. 9.

The Synod Books of *Morray*, *Orkney* and *Argyle*, not being brought to this Aſſembly, are ordered to be brought to the next. *Ibid.*

A Letter ordered to be ſent to each Synod, concerning the Obſervation of the Acts of Aſſembly, and Directions about viſiting of Presbytery Books.. *Ibid.*

Report concerning Commiſſions, with an Appointment to write to Synods and Presbyteries to take Care that their Commiſſions in Time coming be agreeable to the Acts of the General Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to enquire into an alledged Contempt of the Aſſembly's Authority, by ſome Brethren in the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, by their Proceeding to the Ordination of Mr. *Thomas Menzies* to be Miniſter at *Dull*, notwithſtanding of a ſpecial Order of the General Aſſembly to the contrary, with Power to cenſure the Contraveeners of the ſaid Orders, and to vindicate the Aſſembly's Authority. *11th May* 1713. Seſſ. 10.

Mr. *Robert Kirk* Probationer, appointed to go and ſupply Vacancies in *Roſs* and *Sutherland* for ſix Months, declaring that if he get not a Call within the Bounds of that Synod during that Space, he ſhall have Liberty thereafter to fix in any other Place. *Ibid.*

Sir *David Dalrymple* gets the Aſſembly's Thanks for the many good Offices he has done this Church. *Ibid.*

Mr. *Walter Roſs* and Mr. *Patrick Pollock* under Trials, ordered to go to *Sutherland* and *Roſs*, ſo ſoon as they ſhall be Licenſed, and a Letter ordered to be written to the Lord *Strathnaver* thereanent. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion, concerning *Lochaber*, and ſuppreſſing Popery. *Ibid.*

Act for a voluntary Collection in the Aſſembly for *Chriſtian Jamiſon*. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the Synods of *Aberdeen*, *Morray* and *Roſs*, in Favours of *John Fraſer* for Charitable Supply, and to the Presbytery of *Inverneſs* anent a Burſe to his Son. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion, concerning Mr. *Alexander Fraſer* Probationer, his being ſent to ſupply Vacancies in *Morray*. *Ibid.*

The General Aſſembly renews the whole Recommendations and References of the laſt General Aſſembly to their Commiſſions, with reſpect to Burſars and their Proviſions, and appoints them to be obſerved and executed by the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

A ſhort Account of the Eſtabliſhment and Progreſs of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge, with a Declaration of the Aſſembly's Satisfaction therewith, and an Order for intimating the ſame from the Pulpits, and a Recommendation to Presbyteries concerning that Affair. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of a Petition for Mr. *Thomas Elder*, craving his Sentence of Depoſition might be taken off, and he admitted to partake of ſealing Ordinances. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the Synods of *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Angus*,

Angus, *Fife* and *Glasgow*, in Favours of *Adam Turnbull* for Charitable Supply. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of a Petition of the Relicts and Children of the Presbyterian Miniſters who were turned out for not Conformity after the Year 1660, craving that the Management of Their late Majeſties Gift of the Biſhops Rents, Crop 1690, may be enquired into. *Ibid.*

The Reference of the former Aſſembly to their Commiſſion, concerning the Viſcounteſs of *Kenmure*'s Mortification to ſuffering Presbyterian Miniſters, renewed to the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion of a Petition for the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldie*, concerning the Supplying of the vacant Kirk of *Burntiſland*. *Ibid.*

The General Aſſembly deſires of Her Majeſty's Commiſſioner, That he would lay before Her Majeſty, a Memorial concerning Mr. *William Dugud*; And his Grace was pleaſed to undertake it. *Ibid.*

A Repreſentation to Her Majeſty's Commiſſioner, concerning Mr. *Alexander Scrimzeour*'s Preſentation, to be Profeſſor of Divinity at St. *Andrews*. *Ibid.*

Reſolved that the Synod of *Roſs* ſhall have Credit for 200 ℔. *Scots*, and it was recommended to the Commiſſion to think upon a Fund to make it Effectual. *Ibid.*

The Printed Inſtruction to the Commiſſion in Favours of Probationers having *Iriſh*, extended to Probationers that ſhall be imployed to ſupply any where be-north *Tay*. *Ibid.*

A Liſt of Probationers for the Holy Miniſtry, and Students of Divinity brought in and read, and ordered to be Recorded. *Ibid.*

Committee for reviſing the Minutes of this Aſſembly, and giving Orders about Printing the publick Acts thereof. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech at cloſing the Aſſembly to the Members, and to his Grace Her Majeſty's high Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

His Grace Her Majeſty's Commiſſioner's Speech to the General Aſſembly, after they had gone through their whole Work. *Ibidem.*

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